

REMARKS

The present application is a Rule 53(b) continuation application of U.S. Application No. 08/801,367, filed February 19, 1997.

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with the continuation application papers. In the Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has cancelled original Claims 1 to 27 in favor of newly presented Claims 28 to 39. Claims 28, 32 and 37 to 39 are independent.

In formal matters, the title has been amended to correspond more clearly to the claimed invention.

The specification has been amended to reference the domestic priority data, and to improve its form, consistent with the amendments entered in parent Application No. 08/801,367. No new matter has been added.

The formal drawings submitted herewith correspond to the corrected formal drawings approved in parent Application No. 08/801,367.

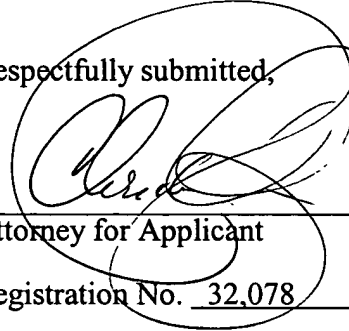
By separate paper filed concurrently herewith, Applicant has submitted an Information Disclosure Statement citing the art of record in parent Application No. 08/801,367.

Applicant submits that the present Rule 53 (b) Continuation Application is in allowable form.

Favorable consideration of the application and early passage to issue respectfully are requested.

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